

**1974**- First Ronald McDonald House opens in

Philadelphia, PA

1985- The first European Ronald McDonald House opens in Amsterdam, Netherlands

1987- The Ronald McDonald House of Minneapolis/St. Paul created the Pop Tab Collection Recycling Program

**1992**- RMHC creates a new program for the families of critically ill children, opening at Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas, with the first Ronald McDonald Family Room

1997- RMHC created the Matching Grant Program for U.S. local Chapters. This program allows local RMHC Chapters to give grants to students in their own communities.

1999- RMHC and local chapters donate grants totaling more than $16 million through the Matching Grant Program



2000- RMHC launched the first Ronald McDonald Care Mobile in Worcester, MA. This Care offers cheaper medical, dental, and health education services to helpless children.

**2002**- RMHC was named one of “America’s 100 Best Charities of 2002” by Worth Magazine



2006- More than 1/3 of the Ronald McDonald Houses expand, giving 6,000+ rooms are available for families with sick children

2007- The RMHC has chapters in 51 different countries

2009- Nine new Ronald McDonald Houses opened in the U.S., Germany, Netherlands, U.K., Argentina, Sweden, Germany and Guatemala, which offers 6,600 more families to be with their sick children.

**2011**- Kim Hill, the girl who inspired the first Ronald McDonald House, passed away at the age of 44.